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Dear Dave,

Thanks for the Baden and Newton/Freed stories, neither of which I'd seen.

We'll be hearing more of Baden soon, with the "reports" now about due.

As best I can anticipate my major interest will continue to be the Guinn report.

In court twice this week, today and day before yesterday. Earlier one before appeals court. I expect another remand in the spectro/MAA case.

Despite the FBI's not inconsiderable efforts I've been able to establish that there were other tests the results of which I did not get. But this was after the case was in district court and the record, theoretically, closed.

If there is the remand I expect I'll still have ~~some~~ use for anything relating to any testing.

Of what I recall of Guinn what is of most interest is the disparity in samples given him and the restriction to the lead material when they had to associate the two larger car fragments and one was kacojet material only.

Those who disagree with the acoustical evidence meaning are leaking angled downplays. I've not seen them but have heard.

Sincerely,

Paul, there is other news but I don't want it to get around because I won't be able to service everyone and if I do that I'll have time for nothing else. I am getting two Dallas indexes. One is being processed and will be ready soon. Not that big. Listing of airtels, teletypes, etc. The other is the more important one and I've won that fight this week only, outside of court. Jim is to negotiate some kind of binding to get the stuff in order. It is the 40 linear feet of alphabetical. I suppose there will be three cards to a sheet of paper. The word is that processing will take about six months, maybe a little more. But that battle is won. Now it will be an excisions. All I've agreed to is real symbolized informer and actual confidential sources. That does not mean that the FBI will not confront me with a fait accompli of other excisions and again claim that reprocessing would be burdensome...The bulkys are quite valuable and I've been very rushed with what I've found. The student who is working part time is doing very well and not only at getting the stuff filed correctly. As she checks she occasionally find something she thinks would interest me. So she gives me the entire volume and I go over it. Thus I've found there was a spectro on the "Aldredge" shot you may recall from Whitewash II, specimen sent to lab twice and unloaded on Dallas by Lab, which wanted it out of Washington. And empty casing was found in a building on Starmons about 1/4 mile away. It was tested. I've not seen results but would not expect them to coincide with anything ~~from~~ we have from official yarn. Name Barbee. I'll have copies filed under 226 remand if you want them. They give no details, merely these bare bones. I'll also have an Aldredge and a Barbee file of the new stuff as we come to any...I need more college appearances so I can pay this student to do more work. The FBIHQ files are all now integrated, all in clearly marked folders, and the bulkys are being worked on. I have the NO and Dallas files this way. When this is all straight King awaits. But retrieval is less difficult now. When the job is done well have a card file saying where any Serial is by file drawer number. Best, HW 3/22/79